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SUBJECT: ITALY: SUPPORTS PROPOSED CONTACT GROUP ON SOMALI  
PIRACY

REF: A. A) SECSTATE 1313  
1B. B) SECSTATE 1223  
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1. (SBU) Political Military Counselor met with MFA NATO Director Massimo Marotti and UN Director Natalia Quintavalle on January 8 to extend ref A invitation for Italy to participate in the Contact Group on Somali Piracy (CGSP) and to brief them on the agenda and topics for the January 13-14 meeting (ref b). Marotti and Quintavalle expressed Italian appreciation for being included as a founding member of the group and Quintavalle noted that Italy's UN mission had been following the formation of the group with great interest and had already provided the MFA with detailed information on the topics and the communique. Marotti and Quintavalle signalled broad Italian agreement on the key issues that needed to be addressed and had specific questions about the role of the observer organizations in the grouping and the nature and extent of UN involvement.

2. (SBU) Marotti indicated that Italy welcomed the opportunity to participate in the inaugural meeting and would brief the Minister's office on the proposal. Because of the short lead time, Italy's UN PermRep Giulio Terzi will probably be the senior Italian representative at the inaugural meeting, perhaps reinforced with experts from Rome.  
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